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MACHINE AND SHIPBUILDING PLANTS MERGE
UNDER JOINT ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

TWELVE PLANTS ESTABLISH JOINT OFFICE -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 15 Jul 50

Shanghai -- A considerable number of plants and firms are merging their administrative functions to overcome present difficulties and to resuscitate and develop production. The Shanghai Machinery and Shipbuilding Plants Joint Administration Office No 1 has been established through a merger of the following concerns: Ta-lai, Lin-ch'ang, Mao-chung, Lung-ta, Fu-hsing, Shanghai, Kung-hsing, T'ai-ch'ang, T'ai-hsing, Huang-ch'ao-chi, Hung-ch'ang-hsing, and Pao-hsing.

These 12 concerns employ a total of 479 workers. Their total holdings include over 100 machines of various types as well as equipment representing 30 percent of Shanghai's shipbuilding facilities. Their cadres are all skilled workers and technicians with long service records in machine manufacture and shipbuilding. The T'ai-hsing firm recently repaired Ts'ang-p'ing [probably trade name] wheels for the Shanghai Railroad Bureau. The Shanghai plant built two 150-horsepower machines for the Ministry of Heavy Industry. Pao-hsing is famous throughout the nation for manufacturing oil extraction presses and paper-making machinery. Huang-ch'ao-chi and T'ai-ch'ang are known for their experience and facility in salvage.

Business plans include preparations for the following projects:

1. Produce engines, boilers, and oil filters for the Ministry of Industry.
2. Salvage and repair vessels for public and private shipping.
3. Manufacture low-horsepower Diesel motors for sale in the agricultural villages.

This joint administrative organization is managed by a board of 12 directors including Yen Yao-ch'iu, Chao Cheng-huan, and Shen Kuo-liang, whose special recommendations lie in their policy of full cooperation between labor and management.

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Machinery and Shipbuilding Plants Joint Administration Offices Nos 2 and 3 are preparing to organize. Office No 2 applied to register with the Bureau of Industry and Commerce on 14 July.

MACHINE PLANTS MERGE ADMINISTRATION -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 11 Jul 50

Shanghai -- In a move toward stronger consolidation, Shanghai factories making medium- and small-scale machinery have organized two joint administrative organizations: the Shanghai Small-Scale Machine Plants Joint Factory No 1 and the Shanghai Machine Manufacturing Plants Administration Office No 2. A number of other machine plants are planning to merge their administrative functions, and another agency, the Chi-ch'eng Machinery Joint Administration Corporation, has already applied for permission to organize.

Chief reasons for the merger are to further new production policies and to overcome the dependence on the textile industry which arose just after the liberation and which has now led to difficulty in view of the present retrenchment in textiles.

Recently, the East China Department of Industry has been ordering large lots of machinery. The facilities, techniques, number of employees, lack of productive power, etc., among medium- and small-scale machine plants constitute a limitation which indicated the advisability of merger. Judging from this present trend, the proper development of administrative mergers in the machine industry will constitute the readjustment by which the industry can begin to move toward a sound system of job distribution.

Of the three organizations mentioned above, only the Shanghai Machine Manufacturing Plants Administration Office No 2 has completed its cooperative organization, which is composed of 30 medium- and small-scale machine plants including the Hsiang-feng and Ch'eng-t'ai shops. The office is fully established, following a month's planning, and has already made its application to go on record with the Shanghai Bureau of Industry and Commerce. The Factory Representative Assembly constitutes the supreme authority in this joint administration office and its administrative body is the Control Committee. In addition, a Labor-Management Cooperation Assembly has also been formed from the personnel of the various plants.

The 30 plants employ a total of 450 workers and have 378 machines in all. They manufacture various types of motors, engines, machine-making machinery, agricultural machinery, etc. The plants keep their own books independently and handle their own profits and losses. But the office has assigned an accountant to each plant that the ledgers may be put into proper order. It is hoped that a new form of joint factory will ultimately grow from this jointly administered organization.

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